



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1743  
PATENT

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05552-1442

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Ralf OTTO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1743  
Application No.: 09/551,581 ) Examiner: B. Gordon  
Filed: April 18, 2000 )  
For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR )  
REAGENT CONTAINERS )

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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